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## Prices received by farmers, selected commodities, Oregon and United States

Commodity	Unit	Oregon			United States		
		Entire month		Preliminary	Entire month		Preliminary
		Feb 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Feb 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<b>Field crops</b>							
Wheat, all	Bu	3.87	3.72	3.65	3.77	3.42	3.38
Wheat, winter	Bu	3.84	3.67	3.60	3.67	3.27	3.24
Wheat, spring	Bu	4.08	4.01	3.90	3.84	3.60	3.55
Barley	Bu	2.47	2.04	2.10	2.73	2.42	2.48
Oats	Bu	2.11	*	*	1.58	1.64	1.58
Hay, all (baled) <sup>2</sup>	Ton	92.00	98.00	96.00	79.90	84.20	84.70
Hay, alfalfa (baled) <sup>2</sup>	Ton	91.00	98.00	97.00	84.70	90.90	91.90
Hay, other (baled) <sup>2</sup>	Ton	95.00	97.00	95.00	69.90	70.60	70.00
Potatoes	Cwt	5.60	4.80	5.05	5.87	5.59	5.44
<b>Vegetables and fruits <sup>1</sup></b>							
Onions, fresh <sup>3</sup>	Cwt	-	-	-	21.30	8.65	7.43
Sweet corn, fresh <sup>3</sup>	Cwt	-	-	-	20.70	20.30	27.50
Pears, fresh	Ton	-	-	-	331.00	495.00	491.00
Apples, fresh	Lb	-	-	-	0.300	0.216	0.208
Strawberries, fresh	Cwt	-	-	-	127.00	140.00	121.00
<b>Livestock and livestock products</b>							
Cows <sup>4</sup>	Cwt	44.30	46.70	47.20	46.00	50.50	52.80
Steers and heifers	Cwt	85.90	96.30	98.20	82.30	94.40	93.80
Beef cattle <sup>5</sup>	Cwt	73.40	81.40	82.90	78.50	89.40	89.60
Calves	Cwt	100.00	112.00	112.00	111.00	125.00	128.00
Lambs <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	94.00	101.00	-	107.00	114.00	-
Sheep <sup>6</sup>	Cwt	36.40	46.00	-	41.20	53.50	-
Milk, all <sup>7 8</sup>	Cwt	-	15.90	15.40	13.60	15.90	15.40
Fat test percent	Pct	-	3.74	3.72	3.75	3.75	3.73
Eggs, all <sup>1 2</sup>	Doz	-	-	-	0.875	0.558	0.549
Eggs, market <sup>1 2</sup>	Doz	-	-	-	0.745	0.373	0.358

\* Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms or insufficient sales reported to establish a price.

<sup>1</sup> Oregon not published monthly. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month price. <sup>3</sup> F.O.B. shipping point. <sup>4</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>5</sup> "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. <sup>6</sup> Entire month <sup>7</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. <sup>8</sup> Oregon started publishing monthly milk estimates in January 2005.

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## Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The February U.S. Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 134 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from January but 3 points (2.3 percent) above February 2004. Lower prices in February for self-propelled machinery, feed grains, and LP gas were offset by higher prices for feed concentrates, complete feeds, feed supplements, and other machinery.

**Index summary table**

Indexes/Ratios	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Feb 2004	Feb 2005	Feb 2004	Jan* 2005	Feb 2005
<b>United States</b>					
Prices received	736	720	116	111	113
Prices paid	1,740	1,786	131	134	134
Ratio <sup>1</sup>	-	-	89	83	84
Parity Ratio <sup>2</sup>	42	40	-	-	-
<b>Oregon</b>					
Commodity group					
All farm					
Products	725	813	121	124	137
All crops	709	813	126	129	145
Livestock <sup>3</sup>	779	814	107	112	111

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers. <sup>2</sup> Ratio of index of prices received to PPITW (1910-14=100) <sup>3</sup> Includes livestock and livestock products.

**Feed price ratios: United States, February 2005**

Feed price ratio <sup>1 2</sup>	2004	2005	
	Feb	Jan *	Feb
Broiler Feed	5.5	7.1	7.3
Market egg feed	10.7	7.2	7.2
Hog-corn	16.3	25.1	25.0
Milk-feed	2.60	3.50	3.47
Steer and heifer-corn	31.5	44.5	46.4
Turkey-feed	4.6	6.9	6.9

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Effective January 1995, prices of commercial prepared feeds are based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

<sup>2</sup> Feed price ratio definitions are available in the national release.

## Farms and land in farms

In 2004, farms in Oregon were estimated at 40,000, unchanged from 2003. A farm is defined as "any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the year." Land in farms also remained at the same level as 2003 at 17.2 million acres. Land in farms consists of agricultural land used for crops, pasture, or grazing. Also included is woodland and wasteland not actually under cultivation or used for pasture or grazing, provided it was part of the farm operator's total operation. Land in farms also

includes any acres enrolled in government programs including the Conservation Reserve and Wetlands Reserve Programs.

The number of farms in the United States in 2004 is estimated at 2.11 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2003. Total land in farms, at 936.6 million acres, decreased 2.25 million acres, or 0.2 percent, from 2003. The average farm size was 443 acres in 2004, an increase of 2 acres from the previous year.

**Number of farms and land in farms, Oregon and the United States, 1990-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Oregon			United States		
	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size of farm	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size of farm
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1990	36.5	17,800	488	2,146	986,850	460
1991	37.0	17,800	481	2,117	981,736	464
1992	37.5	17,500	467	2,108	978,503	464
1993	37.5	17,500	467	2,202	968,845	440
1994	38.0	17,500	461	2,198	965,935	440
1995	38.5	17,500	455	2,196	962,515	438
1996	38.5	17,500	455	2,191	958,675	438
1997	39.0	17,500	449	2,191	956,010	436
1998	39.5	17,300	438	2,192	952,080	434
1999	40.0	17,300	433	2,187	948,460	434
2000	40.0	17,300	433	2,167	945,080	436
2001	40.0	17,200	430	2,149	942,070	438
2002	40.0	17,200	430	2,135	940,300	440
2003	40.0	17,200	430	2,127	938,650	441
<b>2004</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>936,600</b>	<b>443</b>

<sup>1</sup> A farm is defined as any place that sells or would normally sell \$1,000 worth of agricultural products or receives at least \$1,000 in farm program payments.

## Trout Sales

The 2004 total value of sales for Oregon trout was \$807,000 compared to \$506,000 in 2003. The total value of trout distributed was 3.5 million dollars compared to 2.3 million in 2003.

For the United States, sales of fish totaled 63.9 million dollars for 2004, while egg sales totaled 4.83 million dollars. Idaho accounted for 51 percent of the total value of fish sold.

### Trout: Number of operations and value of fish, selected states, 2003-2004

State	Number of operations						Value of sales and distribution			
	Total		Selling trout		Distributing trout <sup>1</sup>		Total fish sales		Value of distributed fish	
	2003 <sup>2</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>2</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>2</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>2</sup>	2004	2003 <sup>2</sup>	2004
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
<b>OR</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>3,529</b>
CA	25	26	13	14	16	16	5,185	5,130	10,624	8,585
ID	53	55	26	29	27	26	26,985	32,564	3,234	2,579
WA	51	59	15	16	37	44	5,191	4,792	4,264	4,944
US <sup>3</sup>	545	601	331	365	242	271	64,046	68,716	61,304	64,776

<sup>1</sup> Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, or recreational purposes.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

<sup>3</sup> Includes the value of eggs.

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### Chickens and eggs: Inventory, value and production, Oregon and United States, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>

Year	December 1			Dec. 1, previous year thru Nov 30		
	Number	Value per head	Total value	Avg. Number of layers	Eggs per layer	Total egg production
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Million eggs</i>
	<b>Oregon</b>					
2003	3,591	2.00	7,182	2,862	274	783
<b>2004</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>1.80</b>	<b>6,606</b>	<b>2,964</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>818</b>
	<b>United States</b>					
2003	449,764	2.48	1,116,273	338,393	259	87,473
<b>2004</b>	<b>454,165</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>1,120,663</b>	<b>342,279</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>89,131</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes commercial broilers.

## Honey Production

Honey production in 2004 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 184 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2003. There were 2.56 million colonies producing honey in 2004, down 2 percent from 2003. Yield per colony averaged 71.8 pounds, up 3 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2003.

For Oregon the number of colonies held the same as last year at 42,000. Honey production for Oregon was at 2,268,000 pounds for 2004, with a yield of 54 lbs per colony. The average price received for Oregon producers was \$1.24 per pound, down 3 cents from a year ago.

NOTE OF INTEREST: Due to a shortage of bees for pollination of the almond crop in California, fees paid by the almond growers to bee keepers for pollination are up about 50% from a year ago.

### Honey: Number of colonies, production and value, selected states, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>

State	Honey producing colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Average price per pound <sup>2</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>124</b>
California	480	390	67	45	32,160	17,550	139	101
Idaho	100	100	46	63	4,600	6,300	133	101
Washington	58	56	56	63	3,248	3,528	146	103
United States	2,599	2,556	70.0	71.8	181,727	183,582	138.7	108.5

<sup>1</sup> For producers with five or more colonies. <sup>2</sup> Prices weighted by sales.

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## Farm Labor

There were 749,000 hired workers on U.S. farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15, 2005, down 12 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 574,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 175,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.81 per hour during the January 2005 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of

\$8.73 per hour, up 34 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.19 per hour compared with \$8.83 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.91 per hour, was up 36 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 36.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

### Hired workers: Number, hours worked and wage rates, selected regions and United States <sup>1</sup> Weeks of January 11-17, 2004 and January 9-15, 2005

United States and region		Hired workers			Type of worker			Wage rates for all hired workers	
		Number of workers	Expected to be employed						Number of hours worked
			150 days or more	149 days or less	Field	Livestock	Field and livestock		
		1,000	1,000	1,000	Hours per week	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour	Dollars per hour
Pacific <sup>2</sup>	2004	41	34	7	38.2	8.58	9.31	8.78	9.82
	2005	38	33	5	35.9	9.32	9.90	9.39	10.33
Mountain I <sup>3</sup>	2004	12	11	1	35.4	8.29	8.72	8.64	8.92
	2005	12	11	1	38.1	9.42	8.82	8.95	9.76
California	2004	190	155	35	41.8	8.41	9.25	8.54	9.47
	2005	128	103	25	39.9	8.60	10.30	8.88	9.94
United States	2004	662	549	113	38.1	8.39	8.83	8.55	9.41
	2005	574	478	96	36.8	8.73	9.19	8.91	9.81

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Includes Oregon and Washington. <sup>3</sup> Includes Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

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